

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
May 12, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Raul Rodriguez
Kent Bratcher	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey

The following were absent:

Terry Hill	Bill Rogers
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Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Departments and Employees

Jim McGuire acknowledged Miriam Kramer has passed her test for Certified Pool Operator.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to pass the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: * April 28, 2015
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Jesse Ochoa, Firefighter, effective May 18, 2015
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Permission to set a public hearing for June 9, 2015 for consideration of an ordinance amending City Code Section 1-6-16 (I) Funeral Leave
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Executive – Permission to attend the NMML Budget Committee meeting in Santa Fe, NM
 - B. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the SW Section Jacob Hands Memorial workshop in Ruidoso, NM
 - C. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Basic Wastewater Systems training in Albuquerque, NM
 - D. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Asbestos Building Inspector training in Albuquerque, NM
 - E. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 2015 NM Historic Records Advisory Board (NMHRAB) meetings at various locations in NM

- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Advanced Trauma Lab Instructor training in Roswell, NM
 - G. Planning and F&A – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the National Guard Armory meeting in Rio Rancho, NM
8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
- A. *Artesia Chamber of Commerce and the DOES #45 Elks Lodge have requested permission to hold their annual July 4th Parade on Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 7:30 am – 10:30 am (Main Street from Bulldog Boulevard east to 2nd Street). Request approval of use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon NM Department of Transportation approval*
9. Budgeted Items:
10. Non-budgeted Items:
11. *Payment of Bills

Public Safety

Police

Department statistics were distributed.

Fire T

here were no committee reports

11. Public Safety:

A. Police Department:

- 1) *Stats

B. Fire Department:

- 1) *Stats

Personnel

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, to hire Brenton Morse to the position of Water Dept. Technician at a salary of \$2,363 per month (CA20). The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, to hire Luis Leon to the position of Street Department Equipment Operator I at a salary of \$2,482 per month (CA22). The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve hiring summer youth, summer recreation and splash pad attendants from the approved list, at the following salaries: Recreation Aides/Leaders \$7.50 per hour; Splash Pad Attendant \$7.75 per hour; Summer Youth \$7.50 per hour (subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing): The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to temporarily increase the salary of Richard Acosta by 5% effective 05-11-15 for extra job duties as a result of the absence of the Parks Department Foreman. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Human Resources Director Sandi Farley distributed the department statistics for April.

Sandi Farley gave an update on the open IT Administrator position. She stated interviews had been completed as well as backgrounds on a candidate and an offer would be made.

She also reported she is working on the health insurance options for next year. The increase at this time is 20% which translates into a \$500,000 increase.

Community Development

Jim McGuire gave an update on the swimming pool and stated a meeting would be held on Monday May 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm. He also gave an update on the Chelsea Project.

Infrastructure

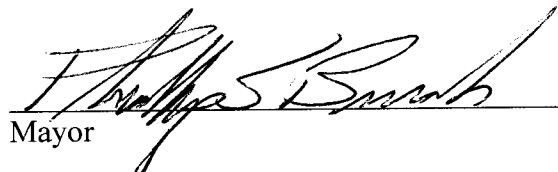
Byron Landfair reported on the 13th street project and the progress on the Design of Phase II of the project. He also stated he missed the previous meeting because he was meeting with the Solid Waste Bureau on the closing of the landfill as well as the permit for the transfer station.

New or other business from Councilors:

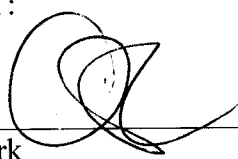
Councilor Aguilar passed out a report on the GRT we would be receiving the next five years.

Councilor Youtsey asked Mayor Burch if he had any news on the possibility of a special session to address capital outlay. The Mayor said he had visited with Bill Fulginiti with the NMML who told him the League had sent a petition for a special session with 97 out of 104 Mayors signing the petition.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. May 12, 2015.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk